

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 71
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry Crawford on the occasion of his retirement as Mayor and City Commissioner of Paris, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Larry Crawford is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 12 years as a member of the Paris City Commission and as Mayor of Paris since 1999; and

WHEREAS, by deciding not to run in the upcoming election for the Paris City Commission, Mayor Crawford will be taking a much deserved retirement from civil service in March of 2005; and

WHEREAS, as a resident of Henry County for more than 40 years, Larry Crawford is an active and important part of his community and his profession; and

WHEREAS, as mayor of Paris he lessened the tax burden of his constituents by reducing of the property tax rate from \$1.13 in 1993 to the current \$0.76 per \$100 of assessed property, and increased the Paris city fund balance by more than \$2.8 million during the same period without instating an increase in taxes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Crawford also contributed his time and numerous talents to seeing through to completion the construction of the Paris Elementary School/Civic Center project, which is one of many commendable achievements during his tenure on the Paris City Commission; and

WHEREAS, drawing upon his perseverance and resolve, Mayor Larry Crawford also admirably fostered the completion of the speculative building in the city industrial park; and

WHEREAS, a cattleman and accountant by trade, a loving husband to Sandra and grandfather to two treasured grandchildren, Mayor Crawford exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career in public service, Mayor Crawford has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and constituents alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Larry Crawford our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from public service and every continued success in his future endeavors and thank him for illustrious service on the Paris City Commission, including his sterling tenure as Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.